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1.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2570  
 General Authorization to charge any and all fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, including petitions for extensions of time, relating to this application. (37 CFR 1.136(a)(3))  
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3.  Specification excluding Drawings [Total Pages] 45

4.  Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets]

5.  Declaration and Power of Attorney [Total Pages] 3

- a.  Newly executed (original or copy)  
 Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
*(for continuation/divisional with Box 17a completed)*  
c.  Unsigned Declaration

*[Note Box 6 below]*

- i.  DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6.  Incorporation By Reference (*useable if Box 5b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

17.  Priority Information, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information

a. The accompanying application is a  Continuation  Divisional  Continuation-in-part (CIP) of application Serial No. 10/052,925 filed January 16, 2002, which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/424,122 filed May 18, 1998, which is 371 of International Application No. PCT/EP98/03014 filed May 18, 1998.

b.  Benefit is claimed under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of the following Provisional Applications: Application No. filed

c.  Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: (37 CFR 1.78)

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